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This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations enrolled in the CT Vaccine Program (CVP). Please feel free to share it with others in your organization who may benefit from the update. Note that all our communications are archived on our web site [here](#).

The primary purpose of this communication is to inform providers of the upcoming Holiday Shipping Schedules for both McKesson & Merck for routine CVP vaccines.

Shipping Schedules

With the holidays fast approaching the CVP wants to provide the holiday shipping schedules for McKesson, Merck (direct ship Varicella and MMRV vaccines) & Pfizer (direct ship Covid vaccine) so that all offices can plan their vaccine orders accordingly. Attached, you will find the shipping schedules for November, December and January. These schedules are determined by McKesson, Merck & Pfizer so the CVP does not have the ability to change any of the dates. The CVP recommends that providers order extra vaccine, if necessary, to avoid running low during the holiday season.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation during this holiday season.

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Provider 2024-2025 VFC/317 & Direct Ship Vaccine Holiday Shipping Calendar

~ November 2024 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7 Regular delivery	8 Regular delivery	9
10	11 Veteran's Day - Federal Holiday Regular delivery	12 Regular delivery	13 Regular delivery	14 Regular delivery	15 Regular delivery	16
17	18 Regular delivery	19 Regular delivery	20 Orders placed in CT WiZ after this date may not ship until 12/2/24. Regular delivery	21 Regular delivery	22 Regular delivery	23
24	25 Regular delivery	26 Limited Delivery	27 Limited Delivery	28 Thanksgiving - Federal Holiday No delivery	29 No delivery	30

Regular Delivery = Normal deliveries expected for routine orders for McKesson, Merck Direct Ship and Pfizer COVID Direct Ship.

Limited Delivery = McKesson priority orders only. Limited deliveries for Merck Direct Ship & Pfizer COVID Direct Ship.

No Delivery = No deliveries expected.

It is recommended that providers maintain a minimum of 4 weeks of inventory to prevent vaccine outages if orders are delayed due to weather and/or carrier interruptions.

Provider 2024-2025 VFC/317 & Direct Ship Vaccine Holiday Shipping Calendar

~ December 2024 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Regular delivery	3 Regular delivery	4 Regular delivery	5 Regular delivery	6 Regular delivery	7
8	9 Regular delivery	10 Regular delivery	11 Regular delivery	12 Regular delivery	13 Orders placed in CT WiZ after this date <u>may not ship</u> prior to January.	14
15	16 Regular delivery	17 Regular delivery	18 Regular delivery	19 Regular delivery	20 Regular delivery	21
22	23 Limited Delivery	24 No delivery	25 Christmas Hanukkah begins - Federal Holiday No delivery	26 No delivery	27 Limited Delivery	28
29	30 Limited Delivery	31 Limited Delivery				

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Provider 2024-2025 VFC/317 & Direct Ship Vaccine Holiday Shipping Calendar

~ January 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Years Day - Federal Holiday No delivery	2 Hanukkah ends No delivery	3 Regular delivery	4
5	6 Regular delivery	7 Regular delivery	8 Regular delivery	9 Regular delivery	10 Regular delivery	11
12	13 Martin Luther King - Federal Holiday No delivery	14 Regular delivery	15 Regular delivery	16 Regular delivery	17 Regular delivery	18
19	20 Regular delivery	21 Regular delivery	22 Regular delivery	23 Regular delivery	24 Regular delivery	25
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If you are expecting orders to arrive before the holidays, please keep in mind that routine shipments from McKesson can take up to 4 business days to process before they are shipped. Also, note that shipments may take longer than 4 days to process and ship if the provider does not have regular business hours daily (Regular hours are defined as M-F, 8am-5pm).

Providers are strongly encouraged to order early during the winter holidays. Providers are also encouraged to maintain a minimum of 4 weeks of inventory to prevent vaccine outages if orders are delayed due to weather and/or carrier interruptions.

Shipments may arrive on any day of the week, including Mondays, based on the way business hours are entered in CT WiZ.

- Providers with hours other than normal business hours should note that orders may ship out later than the “order shipped by” date.
- Flu and direct ship vaccines cannot be shipped as priority and therefore should not be marked as priority in CT WiZ.